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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 11 and 12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI.08)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Interval Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the papers filed 6/17/2010.

Response to arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The term "can permanently deactivate the first authentication algorithm" is not given patentable weight because it is unclear if it is permanently deactivated or is just able to be permanently deactivated.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6, 8, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Anvekar et al (U.S. 6,603,968).

With respect to claim 1, a method of updating an authentication algorithm used by a device to authenticate with a data processing device wherein the device can store in a memory element of said device a subscriber identity which is associated with a first authentication algorithm, comprising:

a preliminary step of storing a second inactive authentication algorithm in a memory element of the device associated with a second subscriber identity (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49),

a step for switching from the first authentication algorithm to the second authentication algorithm, including permanently deactivating the first authentication algorithm and activate the second authentication algorithm used by the device (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 2, wherein the switching step is carried out on the initiative of an entity external to said device (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 3, method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein to perform the switching operation, the entity external to said device transmits a command remotely to said device in order to switch from the first authentication algorithm to the second authentication algorithm (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 4, wherein to perform the switching operation, the entity external to said device downloads into the device a program which can start up after a

time delay and whose purpose is to switch from the first authentication algorithm to the second authentication algorithm (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 5, wherein during the pre-storage step, a second code (ESN-MIN), different from a code associated with the first algorithm and associated with the algorithm, is stored, and wherein after the step for switching accounts on said device, said device transmits the code to all or some of the data processing devices whose algorithms need to be switched, said second code associated with the second algorithm informing these data processing devices that the algorithms have been switched in order to synchronise the algorithm update (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 6, wherein on reception of the code associated with the second algorithm, said receiving device switches algorithm from the first algorithm to the second algorithm (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 7 wherein after switching, the memory space storing the data associated with the deactivated account is reused (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 8, a data processing device, in particular a smart card which can store a subscriber identity (unique identifier) and which is associated with an authentication algorithm (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49), comprising:

memory means storing a second authentication algorithm associated with a second identity (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49),

a microcontroller programmed to carry out a step for switching from the first authentication algorithm to the second authentication algorithm, which can permanently deactivate the first authentication algorithm and activate the second authentication algorithm (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 11, a computer storage media operable to store instructions for instructing a data processing device in particular a smart card to perform certain operations, the storage media comprising: a second inactive authentication algorithm associated with a second subscriber identity; and instructions to direct the data processing device to execute a step for switching from a first authentication algorithm to the second authentication algorithm, which can permanently deactivate the first authentication algorithm associated with a first subscriber identity and activate the second authentication algorithm (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

With respect to claim 12, further comprising instructions to direct the data processing device to perform the step of switching from the first authentication algorithm to the second authentication algorithm, upon receiving from a transmitting device a code IMSI2 different from the code IMSI1 and therefore associated with the second authentication algorithm Algo2 (see figure 12 and column 9 line 14 – column 10 line 49).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devin Almeida whose telephone number is 571-270-1018. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

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